



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

City of Toledo, OH

BACKGROUND

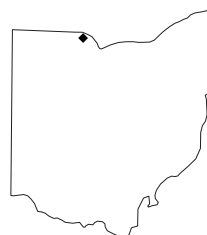
EPA awarded the City of Toledo supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Like many older cities in the Midwest, Toledo has seen its factories depart from their downtown locations, leaving behind vacant buildings that have created health and safety risks and lowered the quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods. The city has experienced a steady decline in population over the last 25 years. In addition, Toledo's unemployment rate is 10 percent higher than the statewide average, and the median household income in the city's brownfields neighborhoods is 25 percent lower than the statewide median income.

While the city has been successful with industrial and commercial redevelopment, residential redevelopment of brownfields sites has not been common. This supplemental grant will be used to continue assessment work on a complex of derelict properties. One of the properties to be assessed is the former Doehler Jarvis manufacturing facility. This site, which is in a low-income minority neighborhood, is being considered for a planned residential housing project. The grant also will be used to support the expansion of Toledo's Urban Setting Designation (USD) to other brownfields areas. The Urban Setting Designation is a state designation that limits the liability of the owners of properties located over shallow groundwater that has been contaminated from past industrial land uses. As long as it can be shown that there are no potential exposures to contaminated shallow groundwater, the law helps promote future development of brownfields without jeopardizing protection of public health or the environment.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The first objective of the supplemental assistance is to conduct a Phase II site assessment and remediation planning for the 12 parcels comprising the 13-acre Doehler Jarvis site. The city anticipates developing 80 affordable single-family homes on this site. A Phase I assessment of

PILOT SNAPSHOT



City of Toledo, Ohio

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Profile: Toledo will use the supplemental assistance to conduct assessments and remediation planning for the Doehler Jarvis site and to expand Toledo's Urban Setting Designation.

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this older industrial area was conducted as part of the original Pilot. The Pilot's second objective is to compile the information necessary to expand Toledo's USD in order to facilitate additional brownfields redevelopment.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting a Phase II environmental site assessment of the Doehler Jarvis site;
- Conducting community outreach and public involvement activities; and
- Collecting and compiling information for the expansion of Toledo's Urban Setting Designation.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.